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An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

Dear Parents

Thank you everybody for your sensitive and respectful manner, whatever your individual views, with respect to last week's action. The clear message we received as a school was your consistent support, and for that we are very grateful. I had attended the national Association of Head Teachers' conference in Birmingham over the weekend before and, in talking with colleagues there, I was reminded yet again of the positive character of the school and family community we have at Marlborough. It really is a privilege to work with the team here, you and your children. And despite the government's Academy U-turn, I think we are going to need to draw on the strength of our partnership in the months ahead. Whilst the relaxation of the demand to force all schools to convert is something of a relief, the White Paper proposes other measures that will put significant pressure on the authority's ability to support schools and thus on our resources. Additionally, the messages about the curriculum and assessment demands are already loud. At Marlborough we will continue to ensure that children's learning experiences are positive and stimulating: as much as aiming for children to be ready for secondary school our desire will always be that they retain their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning as they move on from Marlborough. Whilst there are questions about the ks2 tests this year, the children of class 6 are ready for them and all of our best wishes support them as they begin the process of celebrating their primary school achievements this week.



y6 Breakfast Club – this week, 9-13 May

We're putting on a breakfast club for class 6 this week. All those who wanted to have signed up for the days that they wish to come and will need to be in school for an 08:00 service. Entry at this time is only for the children taking their ks2 SATs. Other than for these breakfast arrangements, we would like

to remind everyone of the need to follow the instructions below for **Morning and Afternoon Drop-Off and Collection** times:

- doors open at 08:30 – any children arriving early can wait (with parents, or as appropriate, without) either at the entrance or in the pavilion/waiting shelter – children should not use the playground before or during the morning opening time and the car-park itself is out-of-bounds for play for safety reasons
- please do not park in Ferndale Road waiting for the bell with children in the car (in fact **please do not** drive into Ferndale Road at all)
- please ensure that all children are at school in time for them to be **in class** for registration by **08:45**
- children may only enter school at earlier times when the doors are opened to them by the coordinator of any morning activities (eg table tennis) or by special arrangement
- please collect children promptly at the end of the school day: we have found an increasing number of children being kept waiting for collection for up to 30 minutes after home time and also a growing number of times when children wait in school for other children to finish an after school club as they are going home together (we cannot supervise children in this situation properly as staff have many after-school responsibilities and commitments).

Sports Development Plan at Falmouth School's

This Wednesday, 11th May 2016, at 18:00, Cornwall Council's Central Sub Planning Committee members are holding a public meeting at Falmouth Cricket Ground as part of their deliberations on the secondary school's plans to develop the school field at Union Corner. The proposal aims to provide all Falmouth's schools with a facility that will enable tournaments and coaching opportunities to take place all year round in the town. I shall be representing Marlborough to support this project which offers so much for our children, and I know the secondary school would welcome parents' support too.

Last Week				Total	
1 st	Fox	26	7	1 st	Swiftsure
	Freeling	26	7		Fox
3 rd	Walsingham	25	4	3 rd	Chichester
4 th	Swiftsure	23	3		Freeling
5 th	Chichester	22	2	5 th	Pelham
6 th	Pelham	18	1	6 th	Walsingham



We would like to thank Nick Ferris for the donation of topsoil for class 5's Secret Garden dragon sculpture.

<http://marlborough.eschools.co.uk>



Marlborough Sponsored Swanpool Cycle Circuit – 10 July 2016



The class 6 students who have taken on the task of leading the organisation of our sponsored Swanpool Cycle Circuit have come up with the theory that the rides coincide with Olympic years. If so, this is an accident, but it suggests there’s a good enough gap between events to encourage us all to throw our energy into an activity that always promises a huge amount of fun as well as being a great fundraiser. We’ve had to put the event back a week, but even so there are only 9 weeks until the day, and one of those is half term, so we’ve plenty to do and we need plenty of help. Following the letter from the Parliament’s Sustainability Group, we’ve prepared a list of the main things we need to do. Please check and see which of the tasks you would be able to help us with and return the tick-list to school, or email the office.



Dear parents / guardians
Marlborough School is hoping to have a sponsored cycle ride around Swanpool Lake to raise money for our school grounds. In order for this to go ahead, we need this event to happen before the end of this term, while it is sunny. Five class six children - Zak, Billy, Jake, Lowenna and Madison - from the school’s Parliament sustainability group have set up an organising committee . We hope to have T shirts in the Packet Ship colours for the event. If you could help it would be great.
Thank you

Volunteers needed for:

- Administration
 - writing to local companies for sponsorship (promotion squares on T-shirts)
 - designing sponsorship forms / flyers / posters
 - newspapers to be informed of the event
- Delivering letters informing local residents of the event and to be on lookout for children
- Contacting police and requesting Traffic Cones (50 needed in total)
- Making warning signs for motorists of cycle event taking place
- Organizing Gazeboes, needed for registration office and refreshments
- Marshalling the event (nb need hi-viz jackets)
- Preparing Refreshments
- Serving Refreshments

I am able to help as indicated above:

Well done to Alfie, Amelie, Daria, Izzy, Leon, Logan, Lottie, Louie, Mia and Sam who represented Marlborough at Falmouth’s tag rugby tournament on Friday. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event – and although our players are all in class 5, competing against y6 children from King Charles, St Francis and St Mary’s, they did brilliantly,

grew stronger through the afternoon and scored 4 tries.
(we’re out to win next year!)



y3 Leaf Prints
and
Bayley’s Wolf (y0)



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